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Parents of school children are advised to obtain particulars with regard to school meals at Heresen British Restaurant from Head Teachers or from the Secretary of the Education Committee, Clarendon House, Ramsgate.

No reduction in price will be made for children's meals at the St. George's Restaurant or the Ellington British Restaurant, except in the case of children under school age.

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SEVEN IN A CAR COLLISION AFTER DANCE

R.A.F. OFFICER ACQUITTED

An accident, as a result of which one of seven airmen riding in a car was killed, had a sequel at the Cinque Ports police court, Margate, on Monday.

The driver of the car, Sqdn.-Ldr. John Morren, R.A.F., pleaded not guilty to driving in a manner dangerous to the public.

Mr. Eric Weale, county prosecuting solicitor, stated that Ldg.-Acm. Thomas Urwin Browning, R.A.F., was driving a 15 cwt. van along the Manston-Birchington road in the direction of Birchington when he saw the headlights of a car which appeared to be on its offside. The lights dazzled him and he pulled his vehicle closer to his nearside. There was a collision and Browning's vehicle swung round and overturned. The other car, driven by defendant, was overturned further down the road.

In the 15 cwt. van there were two N.A.A.F.I. girls who were going to clean up a dance hall at Westgate, and a young airman.

Evidence was given by the van driver and Acm. Edward Terence Dixon, who said that when the collision occurred he was thrown through the window. He remembered getting up and pulling out one of the girls.

Jostled About.

Ldg.-Acm. John Llewellyn Carlton Lewis said he went to a dance at Westgate with Acm. Williams (the man who received fatal injuries in the accident) and afterwards they were offered a lift in the car driven by defendant. The car was driven fast and seemed to go round a corner rather sharply. They were rather jostled about in the car and there was a swaying motion all the time but he thought that was due to the heavy load of seven men.

Pte. Off. Alan Frank Hastrop, R.A.F., another passenger in the car, said defendant was driving at about 30 miles per hour and was on the proper side of the road.

Defendant in his evidence, said he was driving a utility van with his two junior officers. They were on duty and gave some airmen a lift as transport was not easy. Driving a straight stretch on the Birchington-Manston road, he noticed the lights of a car coming from the opposite direction. As it came nearer he realised it was travelling very fast but he was not concerned as he was well on his nearside of the road. When about two car lengths away the rays of the headlights of the other car crossed his windscreen from right to left and there was a glancing blow and the smashing of glass. His car stopped and slowly turned over on its side. When he got out he spoke to the driver of the other vehicle who said "I think I was dazzled by your headlights."

The Chairman announced that the case would be dismissed.

HORSES MAY COME BACK

SAVING PETROL AT BROADSTAIRS

Following a request contained in a circular letter from the Ministry of Fuel and Power, Broadstairs Council have directed their officers to take the necessary steps to effect savings of at least 10 per cent. and 5 per cent. in the consumption of petrol by the Council's normal and Civil Defence services respectively.

As a result of investigation carried out by the Surveyor (Mr. S. W. Richardson), the Council have expressed themselves satisfied that there is no justification for the suggestion that one of the Council's lorries has been used unnecessarily.

After considering a suggestion by the Surveyor that an economy in the consumption of petrol might be effected if a horse-drawn vehicle were used for the collection of house refuse in certain portions of the district, the Surveyor has been authorised to carry out a test over a period of four weeks and to report upon the result, giving full details as to the cost per ton of refuse collected.

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NEW YEAR HONOUR DECORATION FOR MR. R. H. RUTHVEN

BIG RAMSGATE RAID RECALLED

The name of Mr. Robert Henry Ruthven, engineer and manager of Ramsgate Corporation Gas and Water Department, appears in the New Year Honours List.

Mr. Ruthven has been awarded the M.B.E., Civil Division.

Ramsgate learns with pleasure of the honour which has been conferred on him, and through him on his department, for the town has reason to be grateful to him for the resource and efficiency he displayed after the blitz of August, 1940.

During that severe air raid considerable damage was caused at the Gas Works but through Mr. Ruthven's energetic efforts in superintending repair work the gas and water services were quickly restored.

The Ministry of Health, at the time, expressed their gratification to Mr. Ruthven for his work.

Mr. Ruthven's association with the undertaking began in May, 1909, when he joined the engineer's department. For four years previous to that he was employed at Kendal gas works. In July, 1916, Mr. Ruthven went to Morecambe and returned to Ramsgate in January, 1922, to take up the appointment which he now holds. Next week he will complete 21 years as engineer and manager.

During that time Mr. Ruthven has displayed great foresight in modernising the Ramsgate works and many important changes, in particular the building of the new retort system, have been due to his initiative. He also superintended the building of the new engine room.

The raid of August, 1940, must have come as a bitter personal blow to Mr. Ruthven, for it saw great destruction to his life's work.

In addition to his appointment with Ramsgate Corporation, Mr. Ruthven is co-ordinating officer for the Isle of Thanet Mutual Aid Scheme, county advisor for the London and Counties Coke Association, and a director of South-Eastern Tar Distillers Ltd.

Mr. and Mrs. Ruthven reside at Kirkby, Mildred's road, Ramsgate, and they have two sons and one daughter, who is the wife of Mr. Brian Austin, son of Councillor S. E. Austin, chairman of the Gas and Water Committee of Ramsgate Council. One son is still at college and the other, Mr. G. H. Ruthven, is serving in the R.A.F.

ANOTHER INCREASE

FOR BROADSTAIRS COUNCIL EMPLOYEES

Manual employees of Broadstairs Council are to receive a further wage increase as a result of the decision of the Council to adopt the recommendation of the Kent, Surrey and Sussex Joint Board ("Non-Trading Local Authorities' (Non-Trading Services) Manual Workers concerning wages.

As from last week the war wage increase is to be 15s. 6d. instead of 14s. a week for men, and 7.5 per cent. for women.

At their meeting on 7th December, Council in committee directed Councillor E. K. Minter, the Council's representative on the Provincial Council, to vote against the adoption of the resolution recommending a further increase.

No comment was made at Monday's meeting of the Council when it was decided to adopt the recommendation.

MOTHER'S SUDDEN DEATH

Mrs. Mary Harriet Dapson, aged 48, passed away suddenly at her home, St. George's Cottage, Paragon-street, Ramsgate, on Monday, 28th ult.

Mrs. Dapson was the mother of two children and her husband is serving in the Army.

Over the Christmas Mrs. Dapson felt unwell but went out last Wednesday. The following morning she again felt ill and sent one of the children to ask a neighbour to summon a doctor.

When the doctor arrived Mrs. Dapson had passed away.

As a result of a post-mortem examination the Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) was satisfied that death was due to natural causes and an inquest was not necessary.

COUNCIL CHAIRMAN'S GREETING

Good wishes for the coming year were extended by the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) at Monday's meeting of Broadstairs Council.

Councillor Pearson said he wished to extend to the members, to the Council staff, to the press, and through them to the people of Broadstairs, his best wishes for 1943 and to express the hope that during the year they would be brought nearer to peaceful days.

STORY OF A HAMMER

RAMSGATE BOY BOUND OVER

A 17-year-old Ramsgate boy who was stated to have been earning £4 10s. a week, was placed on probation for 12 months at Ramsgate police court on Monday after he had been found guilty of loitering in Chatham-street at 11 p.m. on New Year's Eve and being suspected of being about to commit a felony.

The boy, William John Sloane, a miner, of Bradley-road, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

A further charge of having in his possession an implement of house-breaking—a claw-hammer—was not proceeded with.

P/S Wait said he was in Chatham-street at 11 p.m. on New Year's Eve when he saw defendant standing close to one of the lock-up shops. Defendant saw witness at the same time, looked round and made to hurry away up Chatham-street. Witness stopped defendant and when asked what he was doing loitering, about there replied "Nothing." Witness turned on his lamp and saw that he was carrying a hammer between his jacket and waistcoat. Asked how he came to be in possession of it he said "I found it by Webb's." On the way to the police station defendant said "You have got me for something wrong this time." At the police station he produced a lamp from his pocket.

Evening Walk.

Witness said he visited defendant's home and found the hammer came from there. Later defendant said he went to the pictures that evening and left his home between 9.30 and 10 p.m. to go for a walk. As he was on his way home he found the hammer at the bottom of Chatham-street.

Defendant told the magistrates that he found the hammer in the street. The hammer his father had at home was similar.

The boy's mother, Mrs. Mary Ann Sloane, said the hammer did not come from her home.

The Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler) said at the present time defendant was receiving 30s. compensation for an injury sustained about four weeks previously. When he was in full employment he earned about £4 10s. a week. On 24th January, 1939, he was before the court for shoplifting and four cases of larceny were taken into consideration. Defendant was bound over for two years. He gave a little trouble afterwards and on 27th June the same year was again before the court for failing to comply with the conditions of the order. The case was adjourned sine die.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) announced that defendant would be bound over for a year in the sum of £2 and would have to pay 4s. costs.

HALL—PORT

DORSET CAPTAIN'S BRIDE

A member of the staff of the Ramsgate branch of Lloyds Bank Ltd., Miss Joyce Pamela Port, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Port, of Dorcha House, Ramsgate-road, Broadstairs, was married at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, on Saturday.

The bridegroom was Capt. Ronald Francis Hall, only son of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hall, of 220 Green-lane, Norbury, S.W.

An officer in the 4th Dorsetshire Regiment, Capt. Hall served as a Territorial in the Artists' Rifles until the outbreak of war. In peace-time he was on the staff of the City office of an insurance company.

The bride has been a member of the Girl Guide movement for several years and of the Kent 146 (Broadstairs) Detachment of the British Red Cross Society. At present she is assisting in the formation of the Junior Youth League at Broadstairs.

Charmingly attired in a slate blue marocain dress with black accessories she was given away by her father and carried an ivory covered prayer book. She wore a spray of pink carnations and was attended by one bridesmaid, Miss Barbara M. A. Port (sister), whose dress was of fuchsia-coloured crepe de chine, with brown accessories. Like the bride, she carried an ivory covered prayer book and wore a spray of white carnations.

The Vicar (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth), who officiated at the ceremony, was assisted by the Rev. H. V. Frytherch, chaplain of the 4th Dorsets. Capt. A. A. Upton, of the same regiment, was best man. Capt. H. G. Wells, of the Middlesex Regt., played the organ, and the hymns sung were "Love Divine" and "Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven."

As Capt. and Mrs. Hall left the church they were greeted by a guard of honour formed by members of the bridegroom's regiment. Fellow officers were present at the service in addition to Mrs. Saunders, Commandant of the Kent No. 146 V.A.D.

Nearly 60 guests attended the reception which followed at Dorcha House and the toast of the bride and bridegroom was proposed by Mr. Sid Winter, of Ramsgate, now serving in the R.A.F., who acted as usher at the church.

After the reception the happy couple left for their honeymoon at Maidstone, the bride's travelling attire consisting of a camel coloured coat with black accessories.

Capt. and Mrs. Hall received a large number of useful presents.

MR. C. P. HARTLEY

DEATH OF RAMSGATE MAGISTRATE

Well-known in public life in Ramsgate for many years, Mr. Charles Percy Hartley, former manager of the Ramsgate branch of the National Provincial Bank Ltd., passed away suddenly at his temporary home at Herne Bay on Saturday.

Mr. Hartley, who was about 71 years of age, had been a member of Ramsgate borough bench since early in 1936.

Entering the service of the National Provincial Bank as a young man, Mr. Hartley served continuously until his retirement in December, 1931.

He was exceedingly popular as manager of the Ramsgate branch and he took a keen and active interest in the affairs of the town.

In 1929 Mr. Hartley succeeded the late Sir Cecil Hertslet as president of Ramsgate Chamber of Commerce, a position which he also held in 1930. He was also treasurer to the Chamber and treasurer to Ramsgate Gala Week Committee, of which he was at one time chairman.

Mr. Hartley was keenly interested in sport and as a young man was a prominent tennis player. He was an ardent follower of Thanet Wanderers Rugby Football Club, of which he was treasurer and was treasurer for many years of St. Augustine's Golf Club, for some time he was treasurer of the Royal Temple Yacht Club.

Ramsgate Rotary Club also included Mr. Hartley among its members and he served on the committees of many other organisations in the town.

Mr. Hartley leaves a widow and two sons, Flt.-Lt. E. L. Hartley, R.A.F., and Mr. J. M. Hartley, both of whom are on the staff of the National Provincial Bank.

Magistrates' Tribute.

Tribute to the memory of Mr. Hartley was paid when Ramsgate magistrates met on Monday.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry) said the bench had learned with regret of the passing of Mr. Hartley. He was very keen on his duties as a member of the bench and before the war was most regular in attendance. His home at Ramsgate suffered as a result of raid damage and he went to live with one of his sons at Herne Bay. Whenever there was an occasion when his services were required on the bench he would return to Ramsgate to attend to them.

Mr. Perry said he understood that Mr. Hartley was in the best of health on Friday and on Saturday his wife found that he had passed away.

The bench wished to extend to the widow and family their sympathy and had asked the Clerk to write to Mrs. Hartley to express their sense of loss.

Mr. R. J. Allfree, on behalf of the solicitors practising at the court, said he had known Mr. Hartley ever since he came to Ramsgate and had the utmost respect for him as a business man and as a magistrate. He had the privilege of serving Mr. Hartley very well personally and he was a staunch friend to all who knew him.

Mr. Hartley, continued Mr. Allfree, had been a keen sportsman all his life and had taken an active part in various forms of outdoor recreation. He also took a keen and active interest in public matters in Ramsgate and his loss would be severely felt in all quarters where he was known.

Tribute to Mr. Hartley's memory was also paid by the Chief Constable (Mr. S. F. Butler), who said that officials had found him most helpful to the members of his staff. As a magistrate they admired and respected him.

The court stood in silence for a few moments.

The funeral takes place by cremation at Charing to-day.

DR. WATTS' RETIREMENT

Dr. A. M. Watts, temporary Medical Officer of Health for the East Kent (No. 1) United Districts, which includes the Urban District of Broadstairs, has resigned his appointment owing to continued ill-health.

The report of the Health and Housing Committee, presented at a meeting of Broadstairs Council on Monday, recommended that the Council approve the arrangements made by the United Districts Joint Committee for carrying out the duties which were being performed by Dr. Watts.

The committee further recommended that a resolution be passed on record their appreciation of the services which Dr. Watts had rendered during the period since 1st January, 1941, and that the Clerk be directed to inform Dr. Watts of their regret that he had found it necessary to resign and to express the hope that his health would soon improve.

At Monday's meeting the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Pearson) said Dr. Watts had rendered great service to the town for 20 years. He retired but soon after the outbreak of war came back to give them the assistance that they then urgently required. They had admired the manner in which he had carried out his duties and regretted the circumstances which had prompted his resignation.

WANT POLICE RAILINGS REMOVED

The Surveyor to Broadstairs Council (Mr. S. W. Richardson) has been directed to represent to the Ministry of Works and Planning that, in the opinion of the Council, the iron railings at the police station, Broadstairs, are unnecessary and should be removed for salvage as scrap metal.

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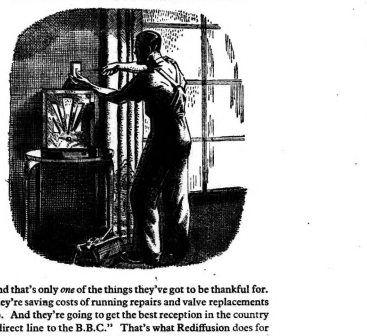

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BUSINESSMEN'S SERVICE

TRADERS PRAY FOR TOWN'S WELFARE

Businessmen of Ramsgate and their employees gathered at St. George's Church on Monday to ask God's blessing on the life of the town during the new year ahead.

The service was attended by the Mayor (Alderman A. B. C. Kempe), the Deputy Mayor (Alderman T. W. Mockridge), the Town Clerk (Mr. H. G. Curtis), Alderman W. Hawkins, Councillors R. J. Mallam, Mrs. F. Dunn and F. C. Miller, the Harbourmaster (Lt.-Cdr. H. J. Maynard) and Mr. C. Dixon.

The various denominations in the town took part in the combined service, the clergymen present being the Rev. Stanley B. Green (minister of Ramsgate Congregational Church), who gave the address, the Vicar of Ramsgate (the Rev. C. R. Farnsworth), the Rev. D. Llewelyn Williams (superintendent minister of Ramsgate Methodist circuit) and the Rev. Harcourt Samuel (minister of the Cavendish Baptist Church).

For his sermon Mr. Green used the text from Corinthians II, chapter 4, verse 18, "While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen; for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal."

Mr. Green said he didn't know whether any of his congregation believed in dreams but in a book he had read on the psychology of dreams it stated that many people were subject to some disturbing dream from which they awakened hot and ugly. Preachers in such dreams usually found themselves facing a large congregation, only to discover that they had no sermon to preach. There was a story in the Old Testament of a preacher who was in a worse predicament than that for he had no sermon to preach and it was no dream. These times were disquieting and he began to feel there was nothing he could preach with conviction. Yet a consistent voice commanded him to preach.

Civilisations rose and fell—perished as though they had never existed—but that was not the whole story of human history. Throughout there was the word of God which could not be shaken. How easy it was in troublous days to become cynical and give up the grim struggle for a better order of things. In this first week of the year the Christian Church called men forward to an act of prayer and he wanted to emphasise that prayer was an activity. It was not an escape from life but the exercise of a will and an expenditure of energy.

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EPILOGUE

BY

HOLLOWAY HORN.

Peter Carstairs was humming a tune as he let himself into his flat. It was a pleasant place, masculine and neutral-tinted, and the quietly insistent throb of London emphasised its restful calm.

From the door, he switched on the light which bathed his writing table in soft light, but left the rest of the study in dim shadow. Dropping into the comfortable chair, he glanced idly at the letters on the desk.

Somewhere in the distance a clock was striking midnight, and as the notes died away the quietness was suddenly shattered by a woman's voice: "So this is your wedding day, Peter," she said. "I wanted to be the first to wish you luck."

For a moment he was unable to credit the evidence of his senses, although he had recognised the voice. She was sitting on the chesterfield, and, as he turned, she slipped off her seat so that her arms were white against its darkness.

"So it's you!" he said grimly.

"Fraid so, Peter," she said with a laugh. "I dropped in on my way home from the theatre. But you mustn't blame poor Jones. He opened the door and I walked in. He did his best to get rid of me, but I told him not to be silly, and to go back to bed."

"Look here, Meriel, this really isn't cricket!" he protested.

"Of course it isn't, Peter. I don't play the silly game."

"It's absolutely unsporting of you to come here to-night," he said impatiently.

Again she laughed as she said: "Give me a cigarette, Peter, dear." He took up a box and lighter from the desk and crossed to her.

"Same old brand," she said as she took one. He held the lighter and watched her in its flickering illumination.

"Thanks," she said, and sat back on the chesterfield, consciously mistress of the situation.

"I hear Tom Hardcross is producing your new play, Peter," she said, as she blew a perfect series of smoke rings.

"Yes."

"You won't quite forget, will you that it was I who made your first?" she asked with a gentle casualness.

"Of course I shan't," he said. "I wonder what would have happened if I had married you when you asked me?" she went on after a momentary silence.

"Giddy hell—probably," he said, with a smile.

"I suppose so, Peter. And yet we were most frightfully in love. Do you remember that night when you suddenly decided to go out to the beech woods at Berkhamsted just as we were leaving the Blue Rose Club?"

"I do."

"And you were so romantic that night," she said mockingly. "You quoted poetry—yards of it. And I remember I laughed in the wrong place, and how disappointed you were with me."

"I remember."

"All my life I'm afraid I've laughed in the wrong place," she said, with a sudden change in her manner.

"Look here, Meriel, you've put you in a taxi . . ." he suggested.

"Nonsense! I didn't come here to be 'put in a taxi,' Peter. I'm not a young! We stayed in those moonlit woods until nearly four without you bothering about a taxi. I walked back to the world, I remember, when I got back to my flat. You can tell me about that afternoon, dear. Good-night!"

He hung up the receiver, and turned to where Meriel was watching him.

"And now I really must be going!" she said, with exquisite mimicry of a very suburban young lady.

"I quite agree. Have a drink before you go?"

"No, thanks, Peter."

"I've certainly had quite enough already," he said.

"Don't worry. You'll find marriage a very sobering institution," she said as she picked up her coat.

"As an institution it's lasted rather a long time," he said.

"Spoiled: "But there's a lot to be said for moderns like ourselves, Peter. We do understand."

"Do we?" I yopder . . .

"We do," she insisted. "Good-bye."

With a little, characteristic movement she turned to him. For a moment only she was in his arms, her lips on his.

"Good luck, my dear," she whispered, and turned to the door.

The End

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PERSONAL HYGIENE

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FIRST AID PERSONNEL

WELCOME THE NEW YEAR

New Year's Eve was celebrated at Nowington-road Health Centre First Aid Post, Ramsgate, by a social which included a whist drive, supper and party games.

The company, numbering over 40, included Dr. W. B. Loveless and Miss Loveless and Dr. and Mrs. R. O. Barber.

The proceedings commenced with a non-stop whist drive at which nine tables were in play and the successful players were Miss M. Andrews, Miss F. Anabum, Miss S. J. Loveless, Mrs. R. O. Barber, Miss J. Andrews, Mrs. E. Miller, Dr. R. O. Barber and Mr. P. E. Dutton. Miss Loveless distributed the prizes and bouquets of chrysanthemums were won by Sister N. Henshaw and Miss M. Andrews.

Supper was a great success and particular thanks are due to Mrs. Barclay, Mrs. Digweed, Mrs. Parsons, Mrs. Rundle and Mrs. Thain, who undertook the difficult war-time task of catering for some 40 guests and did so in such splendid fashion.

Following supper the hit of the evening was the appearance of Father Christmas, impersonated delightfully by Miss Sheila Smith, who, in traditional fashion handed gifts to all present from a gaily decorated Christmas tree. Absent friends were not forgotten and parcels for personnel on duties prevented them from being present were laid aside to be handed to them at a later date.

Christmas Hymns were sung by Mrs. Riches, Mrs. Morgan, Miss Hawkins and Dr. W. B. Loveless, while the ever-popular musical chairs caused much amusement and resulted in prizes being won by Nurse B. Wilson and Mrs. Goldsmith.

After expressions of thanks and greetings for the New Year had been tendered, the company joined hands and sang "Auld lang syne," thus bringing to a close a very happy evening.

WELCOME TO 1943

RECORD CROWD AT WEST CLIFF

A record crowd of dancers, including many members of the Allied Forces, greeted 1943 at the New Year's Eve ball at the West Cliff Theatre, Ramsgate.

Seldom have so many people danced at one time on the floor of the West Cliff and seldom has there been a happier or better behaved party.

Music was provided by popular Fred Hargraves and his Knights of Swing and the success of the evening was largely due to this excellent band of musicians.

On Christmas Eve and Boxing Night also there were over 800 dancers at the West Cliff, which has become the most popular rendezvous in Thanet.

TYRANNY OF TEMPER

HOW TO BE FREE FROM IT

By HORACE ANNESLEY VACHELL

Long ago a peer of the realm, in a fit of temper, killed his steward and was hanged at Tyburn. In deference to his rank he was hanged with a rope of silk. Did he reflect in his last moments that temper, even if inherited, is on occasion an overwhelming tyranny? Probably not. Still, the point must be stressed that temper, too hot and ungovernable, has brought many a man to the gallows!

In this article let us deal with the quick temper which can be restrained before it culminates in violence. It is, so we are told, less bad than the sulky, resentful rancorous, often silent, which poisons family life. A sulky child can be spanked into a better mood, but be allowed to stew in his or her acrid juices. Indeed, the sulky thing has a baneful effect it may have on the sulker, does not lead to repercussions, so we can leave it out of count.

The quick temper provokes recriminations. A battle of words begins, frontal attack. Does the sharper tongue get the best of it? On both sides what is said in the heat of the moment is best left unsaid. If I had my way a tag, handsomely framed, would be hung on the wall of every nursery in the kingdom: **God's Greatest Gift is SILENCE.** The fatuous retort "Thou sloe" is most often heard from the lips of children; the sharp injunction from Mummie or Nannie "Hold your tongue!" is less common to-day than it used to be. A wiser remark was and is: "You got out of bed this side, so lie on that side."

In the piping times of peace, tempers are less easily frayed; after three harrowing years of war we are on edge. When a mother, the helpless victim of ruthless returns home, she finds the children out of hand. Who dares to throw a pebble at her, if she shows rebellion against authority? The father, deprived of sleep by fire-watching, is as testy as the wife. Neighbours, ordinarily on happy terms, fall out with each other, particularly when the war news is disheartening. The tyranny of bureaucracy imposes itself hourly upon men of business overworked and underfed. Rationing we have to admit, has not impaired the general health of the nation; but it has played the devil with our tempers.

What, in the name of the Sphinx, can we do about it?

Plato, who ranked as one of the Wonders of the World, is half-woman and half-animal, an unpleasant reminder of the animal in us. She appears to be crouched for a spring, like a tigress awaiting her prey. May be she won't spring? Possibly her proximity to the eternal Pyramids has given pause to animal instincts? Anyway, she remains a brooding figure in the desert.

The Small Pot.

Temper is half of that elusive word "Temperament," defined in the dictionary as **peculiarity of physical and mental organisation which influences thoughts and actions.** It is difficult to determine whether a Choleric temper is a physical or mental disability. Oddly enough, it is not yet accepted as a disability. Many well-meaning persons think that a quick temper indicates an ardent, generous disposition. To such one might suggest that small pots are quickest to grow hot.

Temper has two meanings which we may forget. The wind is **tempered** to the shorn lamb, made soothing; the word is used in regard to steel as lending hardness and elasticity.

How can we temper our tempers?

Firstly, by mentally, ignoring the wrath. One woman meeting another moves the first pawn in the wrong direction: "You're looking very well, dear," and the other replies disarmingly: "I was thinking that myself, but you're looking very ill, dear." Small talk often leads to big rows. A doctor made me laugh when I asked him yesterday if he could prescribe for bad temper. He said "Oh, yes, a teaspoonful of bicarbonate of soda." The remark, of course, that dyspepsia is often the tap root of bad temper.

Secondly, we must come from within. Control of back-chat may be acquired, and become a habit, if we slip sixpence into the missionary box whenever we speak crossly. At one time, when playing golf, I was invariably short, but this was a losing thing: "Not up, not in." A sometime champion cured me. Whenever you were short of the can, give your caddie a penny." My caddie received many pennies, but gradually I cured myself of a pernicious habit. A friend told me that as a boy his bad temper exercised such tyranny over him that he became unpopular at home and at school. His mother dealt faithfully with him, because she had the sense to teach him that he must deal faithfully with himself. When I knew him his control of his temper astonished me.

Bad temper sours the milk of human kindness in others. Incivility is begotten of it. In Victorian days ill humour was the hall-mark of ill-breeding. A lady of quality never raised her voice when she rebuked children or underlings.

Many years ago, in the fact that many "cross-sticks" are not aware of their testiness, slaves to a self-imposed tyranny. The phrase on every lip: "Sorry, I lost my temper," means the loss of good temper. Making this bow-bisskered apology to my mother when I was a boy she replied with gentle irony: "Yes, you often lose your temper, but have you made any sustained effort to take better care of it?"

The disasters of the past three years, the suspense, the disappointments and the destruction in our cities have been met by the nation unflinchingly, with a spirit of fortitude which has augmented and not diminished. It is only in the humdrum matters that we have allowed our bad tempers to tyrannise over us. With brighter times ahead let us resolve to triumph over what is petty but not negligible.

LADY CARSON'S SON ENGAGED

The engagement has been announced of the Hon. Edward Carson, son of Lady Carson, of Cleve Court, Minster, to Miss Heather Sclater, younger daughter of Capt. Frank Sclater, O.B.E., M.C., and Mrs. Sclater, of 74 Palace Gardens-terrace, W.8, and Ridgeway, Birchington.

Twenty-three years of age, Lady Carson's son is serving in the Life Guards.

A SAILOR'S LEISURE

ENTERTAIN HIM WITH BOOKS

Have you ever thought how a sailor on the high seas fills in his leisure hours?

On these long winter evenings there is not much he can do to save himself from boredom so the service of books is necessary to his welfare. But, with the requirements of so many thousands of men in mind, these are by no means plentiful. The Royal Naval War Libraries are doing their best, however, to see that our sailors get the books they need and the fact that they are getting them is proved by the letters of appreciation which the ship's canteen committee of H.M.S. Suffolk sens to Mrs. Ivan Colvin, hon. organising secretary of the libraries.

"I am asked by the ship's canteen committee as representing the ship's company, to thank you and your helpers, together with the donors, most sincerely for the really splendid library of books which we just received on board.

"Although we have had a library for some time it has been felt that it was well-worn and somewhat limited in appeal. The arrival of 400 first-class books has been a source of great rejoicing among us all and the gratitude we feel is only equalled by the keenness with which they are being read. I can assure you that these books constitute a very real part of the ship's well-being, and therefore of its efficiency.

"This also applies to the crew of H.M.S. Suffolk thank you for such a practical example of the war effort at home."

The Navy has to be content just fiction but books on all sorts of subjects. You must have a few books tucked away in a cupboard somewhere for which you have no further use but which may be very interesting to some of the bluejackets. Why not send them along to Mrs. M. J. McDonald, book hon. organising secretary, 44 West Cliff-villas, Ramsgate? Ship halfpennies and donations will also be gratefully received and the money raised used for purchasing yet more books.

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Escaped From Prison Camp

AIR CDRE. WHITNEY STRAIGHT HONOURED

It was revealed last week that Acting Air Cdre. Whitney Willard Straight, R.A.F., who was taken prisoner after being shot down over France 18 months ago, had escaped from a prisoner of war camp, returned to England, and is now serving in the Middle East.

Whitney Straight is well-known in Thanet as head of the company operating Ramsgate Airport.

In the New Year's Honours List Air Cdre. Whitney Straight is mentioned in despatches and it was also announced on Thursday that King Haakon had awarded him the Norwegian War Cross.

In the Norwegian campaign he was instrumental in getting many planes off an airfield before the Germans occupied it.

In the summer of 1941 Whitney Straight took part in daylight sweeps across the Channel. In 1st August, while leading a squadron of Hurricanes in a fighter-escorted attack on enemy shipping, he was seen to "level out" under heavy fire, with white smoke coming from his engine. On his radio he calmly announced his intention of making a forced landing in France, and ordered the squadron back.

News came in September that he was a prisoner and uninjured. Meanwhile he had been awarded the D.F.C. It was then stated that he had destroyed nine enemy planes.

When it was rumoured that the air commodore had been seen in London, his wife, Lady Daphne Straight, a sister of the Earl of Winchelsea, was on her way back from America.

EX-MAYOR AND MAGISTRATE

PASSING OF MR. D. T. EVANS

A former Mayor of Margate and a member of the borough bench for 25 years, Mr. Daniel Thomas Evans passed away at his home, Bronhawen, Westbrook-avenue, Margate, at the age of 81 years.

Mr. Evans' public service to the town of his adoption was curtailed some years ago owing to ill-health, but it was not until six weeks ago that his illness took a serious turn.

A native of Llangranog, Cardiganshire, Mr. Evans qualified as a chemist, druggist and optician and, coming to Margate in 1889, began business at 1 High-street. Shortly afterwards he opened branches at Cliftonville and Northdown-road and branches were later opened at Ramsgate, Broadstairs, Westgate and Birchington.

A firm believer in co-partnership in business, Mr. Evans gave his staff an opportunity of sharing in the success of the business and when it was turned into a private company in 1921 several employees became associated with him as directors. Mr. Evans remained governing director up to the time of his death and his interest in the welfare and progress of the firm never ceased.

In 1904 Mr. Evans was elected to Margate Council and declined the mayoralty when it was offered him the following year. He was Mayor from 1908 to 1909 and for three years afterwards acted as deputy. In 1909 he was elected to the aldermanic bench and served continuously until 1919, when he retired owing to the strain on his health.

A man of sound judgment and high ability, Mr. Evans was for 35 years a member of the borough bench.

Court Tributes.

Tribute to Mr. Evans' memory was paid at Margate police court on Wednesday.

The Chairman (the Mayor, Councillor F. J. Cornford) said that since the court last met Margate had suffered the loss of a very distinguished citizen by the passing of Mr. Evans. Mr. Evans was Mayor of the borough in 1908-09 and was a member of the bench for many years. It was only a comparatively short time ago that he retired from the bench. His work for the benefit of the borough and of the court was very well known indeed.

The court stood for a few moments in silent tribute.

The funeral took place on Thursday, the interment at the cemetery being preceded by a service at All Saints' Church, Westbrook, conducted by the Rev. J. V. Markham, priest-in-charge.

The mourners present included Mrs. Davies, of Glandenni (representing Mr. Evans' niece), Miss Sterry, Mr. G. A. Rumsey (executor), Mr. T. W. Gomm, Mr. W. J. Care and Mr. R. A. Beck. The firm of D. T. Evans, Ltd. was represented by Mr. C. B. Young and Mr. W. D. Richards (directors), Miss Wilson (secretary) and the following branch managers: Messrs. A. H. Houseman, C. W. Standon, D. Midgley, G. R. Bowes, J. Monk and W. A. Cox.

PRESUMED KILLED

RAMSGATE SAILOR-POSTMAN MISSING

Str./P/O E. L. J. Grant, R.N., who was well-known in Ramsgate in peace-time as a postman, has been reported missing presumed killed in action.

His wife, who formerly resided at 93 St. Luke's-avenue, Ramsgate, is now living at Welling, Kent.

Forty-five years of age, P/O Grant enlisted in the Royal Navy in April, 1914, serving throughout the last war. He continued in the service until his discharge in 1936 but was recalled as a member of the R.N.V.R. in June, 1939.

From June, 1937, until his recall to the service, P/O Grant worked as a postman at Ramsgate.

In June, 1940, he assisted in the evacuation of troops from Dunkirk.

DEFIED NATIONAL WORK ORDER

MARGATE WOMAN FINED

The first case of its kind to come before the bench a Margate woman who failed to take up work at a munitions factory as directed was fined £1 at Margate police court on Wednesday.

Defendant was Gladys Anita E. Gallone, of Byron-avenue, and she pleaded guilty to a summons issued under the Defence Regulations alleging that she failed to comply with a direction given by William Moss, National Service Officer.

Mr. A. B. Young, who prosecuted on behalf of the Ministry of Labour and National Service, said that on 26th September Mr. Moss issued a direction to defendant requiring her to take up work at a small arms factory on 2nd October. Defendant failed to comply with the order.

The Defence Regulations, said Mr. Young, gave the Ministry of Labour great power over the personal liberties of the individual and it was important that they should not be harshly used. They were not harshly used for every person affected by them was given an opportunity of stating whether there were grounds of personal hardship. In the case before the court the defendant did not take advantage of the facilities open to her.

Previous Order Disobeyed.

William Moss, National Service Officer, said that after signing the direction in respect of defendant on 26th September he heard no more of her and tried without success to get in touch with her about 13th October. He wanted to get a statement from her as to why she had not complied with the direction. There might have been extenuating circumstances but defendant made no attempt to inform him of them.

Asked if she wished to ask the witness any questions, defendant said she did appeal about going away and had an answer to say that nothing could be done about it.

Mr. Young explained that there had been no appeal in respect of the case before the court. There was an appeal against the previous direction which was disobeyed. Defendant then said her father and mother were old-fashioned people and her mother was unable to look after herself.

Mr. Moss said defendant gave notice of appeal but did not appear when the appeal was heard. The appeal was considered in defendant's absence and was dismissed. The appeal board recommended that a further direction should be given defendant and it was in respect of noncompliance with this direction that she was now before the court. The second direction was an unconditional one, against which there was no appeal.

Train Warrant Issued.

In reply to the Clerk (Mr. C. C. Maughan), defendant at first stated that she was unemployed. She appeal as she had no money for the train fare to Canterbury but later agreed that she received a warrant for the journey.

Mrs. Kathleen Elizabeth Hill, employed at the Co-operative Stores, also of Byron-avenue, was described by Mr. Young as being of a highly nervous disposition and was therefore unconditionally exempted from National Service.

Defendant told the magistrates that her mother was ill and was alone as she became hysterical during air raids. Her father, who was formerly a chef, was now in the Army.

The Chairman (the Mayor, Councillor F. J. Cornford) said as the case was a test case of its kind, it came before the court the magistrates were dealing leniently with it. Defendant's mother was ill and the bench wished him to express the very strong hope that defendant would comply with the order without any further delay, or the consequences might be serious.

Defendant, who stated that she had done no work for a year, was given a fortnight to pay the fine, no costs was granted.

Farming resolutions for 1943

A million more acres of grassland must be ploughed for more wheat and barley for the Nation's bread in 1943 — the most critical year in our history. At the same time every possible gallon of milk—especially winter milk — must come from Britain's farms. This tremendous task calls for an all-out effort, the utmost co-operation, the greatest goodwill.

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★ That as dairy farmers you will plan for autumn calvings, plan your cropping and record your milk yields, to ensure maximum milk production.

★ That you will take great care of your tractors and farm machines, using them fully but not overdriving them; that you will check them over regularly and get repairs done in time; that wherever possible you will share with less fortunate neighbours.

★ That you will waste nothing and make everything last as long as possible.

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VICTIM OF THE BLITZ

WOMAN RAILWAY WORKER'S LAPSE

Rose May Lena Pell, aged 34, a goods porter, lodging in Crescent-road, Margate, pleaded guilty at Margate police court on Tuesday to stealing a tin of salmon, value 1s., the property of the Southern Railway Co.

The Chief Constable (Mr. W. Palmer) said that the previous afternoon D/C Goodall, of the railway police, was on duty at the entrance to the goods department at Margate station when he saw defendant leaving the premises. As her handbag was rather bulky he stopped her and asked what she was taking away and whether it was the property of the company. She replied "No."

On opening the bag the officer found a tin of salmon, which defendant said her aunt had obtained for her from a shop she named. The woman was taken to the police office at the station, where she made the same explanation to D/C Dale, of the railway police. D/C Dale told her he would make inquiries, and while he was away defendant told D/C Goodall she wanted to tell the truth. She then said she got it from the goods yard. She later told D/C Dale that she saw a lot of tins in a big box in the goods shed and picked up one.

The Chief Constable said Mr. E. Mitchinson, a loader at the station who was responsible for damaged goods, saw a carton slightly damaged at one corner on Monday morning. It contained 48 tins of salmon. Later he found the carton had been torn at the corner, making a hole large enough for a hand to be inserted. One tin appeared to have been stolen.

When seen later by D/C Wren, of the borough police, defendant said "I didn't mean to take it. I picked it up and put it in my bag as it was nearly five o'clock."

Petty Pilfering.

The Chief Constable added that the railway company were loath to take proceedings against defendant, who had been in their employ for nearly 11 years and bore a good character, but there had been so many cases of petty pilfering throughout the railway system, particularly of rationed goods, that they felt bound to bring that case before the court.

Defendant expressed her regret, saying she had never done such a thing before and would never do it again.

The Chief Constable said defendant was a single woman. She had been going deaf following an illness last June.

Mrs. Rouse, of Crescent-road, Margate, said defendant had lodged with her for 18 months, coming shortly after she was transferred from London to Margate to take a position with the company as chargewoman. She was very respectable and a great help in the house. Her health had been poorly lately, and she had been attending hospital for electrical treatment for nervous trouble.

The Chief Constable mentioned that the woman's mother was killed when their home was bombed in London in 1940. Defendant was living there at the time.

He announced that defendant would be bound over and placed on probation for 12 months, under the care of the Probation Officer (Miss Rawson), the Mayor (Councillor F. J. Cornford) said the bench realised the seriousness of the offence, but they felt that that case was one in which they could properly exercise sympathetic consideration in view of the apparent ill-health of the woman.

IF YOUR BREATH HAS A SMELL YOU CAN'T FEEL WELL

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SHIRLEY TEMPLE GROWS UP

"COASTAL COMMAND" AT ODEON

Film fans everywhere are cheering Shirley Temple's return to the screen as a romantic young lady of fourteen in "Miss Annie Rooney," which the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate, presents to-day and to-morrow.

Shirley plays the part of the modern miss who is a marvel at doing the jitterbug, has handsome boy friends and wears a gorgeous evening gown. She is seen as the daughter of William Gargan and the granddaughter of Guy Kibbee, and her two boy friends are 16-year-old Dickie Moore and Roland Du Prez, a talented young dancer who gets his first dramatic role. "I Live on Danger," the supporting film, presents Chester Morris and Jean Parker in the thrilling story of a news commentator's adventures.

"The people in this film are not actors playing their parts; they are all men doing, for the camera, their normal day-to-day tasks. Once again the film has managed to catch the real atmosphere of life in the Air Force." That is what the B.B.C. said of "Coastal Command," the special attraction for the latter half of the week. The picture tells the story of a typical Coastal Command operation in the same manner as "Target for To-night" did for Bomber Command. Once again all the parts in the film are played by members of the R.A.F. and W.A.A.F., who are now carrying out their normal service duties. The programme also includes a sparkling comedy, "Are Husbands Necessary?" featuring Ray Milland and Betty Field.

SOLDIERS' PARTY

Two hundred and fifty soldiers were entertained at a monster party held at the Y.M.C.A. centre, Dalby-square, Margate, on Boxing night.

The Mayor and Mayoress (Councillor and Mrs. F. J. Cornford) paid a visit and cut the Christmas cake. With the help of nurses, who presented humorous sketches, the matron of Margate General Hospital (Miss A. Garnett) served refreshments, and for the games the duties of M.C. were carried out by Mr. J. H. Millar, chairman of the centre, assisted by Mr. W. R. F. Averr, chairman of the Education and Entertainments Sub-Committee.

A brief epilogue was conducted by the Vicar of Margate (the Rev. K. Percival Smith).

RAMSGATE'S TARGET

15,000 BOOKS IN A FORTNIGHT

The people of Ramsgate and organisations throughout the town are making a determined effort to collect 15,000 books during the fortnight beginning on Saturday.

These books will be carefully examined and those which would be welcomed by the services will be sent to them, each being stamped with a message from Ramsgate.

A local man now serving in the R.A.F. in North Africa has written home saying that he feels well and finds conditions generally good but that his own words, "We are all badly in need of something to read, something interesting or something thrilling, but above all something small enough to slip in our pockets."

His food reaches him in containers made from salvaged paper, as also the petrol he must have. Any books which are in too bad a condition for reading will be used for salvage and so protect his food.

Another local man has written from a coastal motor boat patrol depot. He says that he and four other men from Thanet are out at sea on patrol for 48 hours without a break and he appeals to Ramsgate for something, his actual word was "anything," to read during the long hours.

Other towns in Kent—Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells, Margate, Folkestone, Maidstone and Chatham—are considering hard to fill this real need during the fortnight beginning 9th January. Ramsgate wishes success to each, hoping to set a good example by not only achieving the target figure of 15,000 (which represents one book per head of the population) but also by passing that figure.

The Ministry of Supply are taking a keen interest in the progress of this appeal, and have lent an official to the town to assist in it.

Book depots are being established in all parts of the town and books can also be taken to the Public Library, to any fire guard street party posts, first aid posts and even to school children to take to their schools, where collections are being made.

SMITH—FENNELL

A WESTGATE BRIDE

Miss Phyllis Mary Fennell, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fennell, of 18 Belmont-road, Westgate, was married at All Saints' Church, Birchington, on Boxing Day to Drr. Cyril Ivan Smith, R.A.S.C., son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald Smith, of Canterbury.

The Vicar (the Rev. N. M. Granville Sharp) officiated and Mr. H. S. Nivey presided at the organ.

Given away by her father, the bride was dressed in white cloque with an embroidered veil. She carried a bouquet of white chrysanthemums and heather. There were three bridesmaids, Mrs. Audrey Jeffery and Miss Olive Fennell (sisters of the bride) and seven-year-old Joan Smith (niece of the bridegroom). They wore dresses of blue figured silk. The best man was Mr. H. Smith (brother of the bridegroom).

A reception was afterwards held at the home of the bride, where about 25 guests were present. The bride and bridegroom later left for their honeymoon at Nottingham and Boston, the bride wearing a grey coat, wine dress and wine accessories.

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A HEAVY MAIL

CHRISTMAS AT THE POST OFFICE

In the Ramsgate and Broadstairs postal area the traffic dealt with during this fourth war-time Christmas showed a rather unexpected increase.

Still, of course, below the heavy pre-war Christmas postings., letters and cards posted this year were about 15 per cent. in excess of 1941. The actual figures for the period 13th to 24th December inclusive were 165,079 items posted at Ramsgate and 62,635 at Broadstairs, as compared with 146,539 and 52,392 respectively last year.

While ordinary parcels and packets were about, or slightly below, the war-time Christmas average, probably the result of the various restrictions imposed on the purchase of popular and, at one time, inexpensive gifts, the Registration service was more freely used than ever before, and a feature of the traffic was the large number of packets sent by registered post. No fewer than 3,700 registered parcels passed through the Ramsgate office. St. George's Parish Hall was, as in past years, used as an auxiliary parcel sorting office.

The "most early" appeal was not so well responded to as in recent years. Posting on 19th December, the date by which the public were asked to complete their Christmas postings, was heavy, but it was exceeded on 21st and 22nd December. The "peak" day was Monday, 21st December, when 36,500 items were posted in Ramsgate and Broadstairs.

Probably the most spectacular incident of the season was the remarkable use made of the "greetings" telegram. Always popular, it seemed as though with one accord all and sundry had determined to send one. Here again the public did not entirely heed the injunction to despatch their greetings telegrams by 23rd December, with the result that a heavy concentration had to be handled on Christmas Eve. On Christmas Day 1,027 of these telegrams were delivered in Ramsgate and Broadstairs, which represented an increase of 163 per cent. over last year's total of 390.

A number of additional postmen and postwomen were engaged through the Employment Exchange, and with their help and the willing and efficient co-operation of the regular staff, the work was disposed of without serious difficulty. A feat was cleanness of all letters, parcels and telegrams was satisfactorily achieved on Christmas morning.

MARGATE MAN'S FATAL COLLAPSE

Mr. Charles Frederick Ashby, aged 67, of 24 Brooks-avenue, Garlinge, collapsed and died across a wire fence outside a house in Garrard-avenue, Westbrook, last week.

Leaving his home to go for a walk, Mr. Ashby later felt ill but on his way back reminded to a policeman friend "I feel quite all right now." Shortly afterwards he collapsed across the wire fence and was found by Mr. N. F. Attwell, a postman living in the road. He summoned a doctor, who pronounced life extinct.

BETTER TILLAGE FOR BETTER CROPS

In the beginning, and down through the ages until the discovery of fertilisers, the productiveness of the soil depended almost entirely on tillage. Tillage operations promoted weathering action and caused soils to become finer and finer and, therefore, better and better.

About 250 years ago Jethro Tull noticed that, in a poorish field half drilled with turnips and half with barley, the row of barley near the turnips was much more vigorous than the rest. The turnips had been hoed twice, including the vacant space of 30 inches separating them from barley. From this observation Tull evolved a deeper and more thorough method of hoeing. In fact, he was hoeing in the end, resembled ploughing. His objective all the time was "pulverisation to procure and enlarge the pasture of plants instead of using fallow merely as a means of achieving the utmost production possible.

Cultivation is fundamentally the growth of plants adapted profoundly by the supply of water, air, nutrients, temperature, and also by various injurious factors, all of which, in greater or lesser degree, influence cultivation. If the soil set so solidly that root growth is almost completely inhibited, and moisture is held so tightly that it is made difficult to be so loose that the finest rootlets are unable to make continuous contact with it. It may be hard above, as after rolling, and loose below. The ideal is a "Corn Exchange" tilth with the consolidation denoted by the farmer's saying: "The harrow is the best roll." With fertilisers in limited supply we cannot afford to overlook cultivation and the intimate nutrient resources of the soil as powerful allies in our fight for food.

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CATHOLIC LOSS

PASSING OF MR. A. F. J. WESTBROOK

Prominent in Catholic circles in Thanet for 30 years, Mr. Arthur F. J. Westbrook, formerly of St. Benet's, Westgate-on-Sea, passed away recently at Osterley, Isleworth, Middlesex.

Seventy-two years of age, Mr. Westbrook spent some years in Rome as a young man. He was received into the Catholic Church in 1891, at the Church of San Silvestre, and confirmed with Dom John Chapman, O.S.B., late Abbot of Downside. While in Rome he had the privilege of serving as a member of the Palatine Guard of Honour to His Holiness Pope Leo XIII. At that time he was the only Englishman known to have served in this capacity.

Twice during the last war Mr. Westbrook was mentioned in despatches while serving as an R.T.O. staff officer on the Italian front.

Mr. Westbrook was vice-president of the Isle of Thanet Particular Council of the S.V.P., and for many years was president of the Westgate-on-Sea Conference. He was also one of the original members of the Margate (Thanet) Circle of the Catenian Association.

Mr. Westbrook was the father of eight children, among them being the Rev. Benedict Westbrook, B.A., of St. Edmund's College, Old Hall, the well-known Catholic artist, Edward R. Westbrook and the late T. S. Westbrook, Catholic journalist.

Requiem Mass was offered and Absolutions given by his son, Father Westbrook, at the Church of St. Vincent de Paul, Osterley.

THE SPIRIT OF A NEW YEAR

And now for nineteen-forty-three
With undeciphered problems fraught,
Inviting us to strive freely
To solve war's future, long or short!
The midnight hour (one hour too soon)
May still evoke "Auld lang syne"
While some will watch 'neath waning moon
Allowing silence to entwine.

How often we in years gone by
A silent gesture failed to lend,
And yielding to the outcome, we
Midst tongue-confusion, too, agreed.

Is it enough to-day to sigh
And probe accumulated thought,
The storehouse of subconscious mind,
Or close all matters that distraught
Shall resolutions new be framed
Proving reluctance to respond
To dread threats of hatred mind
Spiritual guidance from beyond?

Man cannot run God's earth alone!
Trust then that wonderful Divine
Will see war fetters all undone
And drop from off humanity!

W.E.T.

DEATH OF EX-MAYORESS

Widow of the late Alderman P. B. Osborne, who was Mayor of Margate in 1903-04, Mrs. May Osborne passed away recently in a London hospital.

For two years until a few weeks ago Mrs. Osborne was president of the Margate Pioneer Society and at one time she was secretary of the women's auxiliary of the Isle of Thanet Licensed Victuallers' Association. Mrs. Osborne left Margate about a month ago.

She leaves one son and one daughter.

SHOWING AT THE ODEON THEATRE RAMSGATE

Telephone 1081 **JANUARY PROGRAMMES**

Will Patrons kindly keep this announcement as it appears This Week Only

Sunday Jan. 10th for 1 day	**FOUR MOTHERS**	U	**Claude Rains, Gale Page, The Lane Sisters**
Monday Jan. 11th for 3 days	**Fingers**	A	**Clifford Evans, Desmond Knight**
	FINGERS AT THE WINDOW	A	**Lucille Dan, Lew Ayres**
Thursday Jan. 14th for 3 days	**Salute John Citizen**	A	**Stanley Holloway, Edward Rigby**
Thursday Jan. 14th for 3 days	**HOLIDAY INN**	U	**Bing Crosby, Fred Astaire**
	Mokey	U	**Dan Dailey, Jun., Donna Reed**
Sunday Jan. 17th for 1 day	**ICE CAPADES**	U	**Dorothy Lewis, James Ellison**
	Waterfront Lady	A	**F. Albertson, Ann Rutherford**
Monday Jan. 18th for 3 days	**PALM BEACH STORY**	U	**Claudette Colbert, Joel McCrea**
	Whispering Ghosts	A	**Milton Berle, Brenda Joyce**
Thursday Jan. 21st for 3 days	**THE GOOSE STEPS OUT**	U	**Will Hay, Charles Hawtrey**
	Canal Zone	U	**Chester Morris, Harriet Hilliard**
Sunday Jan. 24th for 1 day	**ROAD TO FRISCO**	A	**George Raft, Ann Sheridan**
	King of the Lumberjacks	A	**John Payne, Gloria Dickson**
Monday Jan. 25th for 3 days	**THE GREAT MR. HANDEL**	U	**Wilfred Lawson, Elizabeth Allen**
	Bluebeard's Eighth Wife	A	**Claudette Colbert, Gary Cooper**
Thursday Jan. 28th for 3 days	**SECRET MISSION**	U	**Hugh Williams, Carla Lehmann**
	Timber	U	**Leo Carillo, Andy Devine**
Sunday Jan. 31st for 1 day	**THE LADY VANISHES**	A	**Margaret Lockwood, Michael Redgrave, Paul Lukas**
	Danger Ahead	U	**L. Gray, Sheila Mannor**

MINISTRY OF FUEL AND POWER ANNOUNCEMENT

COAL SUPPLIES DURING JANUARY, FEBRUARY AND MARCH

NOTICE TO HOUSEHOLDERS

and occupiers of other premises controlled under the Fuel and Lighting Registration and Distribution Order, 1942 (except Hospitals and Schools)

1. **COAL** (other than those grades specified in 2 and 3 below).
   Supplies to any controlled premises may not without licence from the Local Fuel Overseer exceed **15 cwt.** during the three months, and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the stock exceeds **10 cwt.**
2. **COKE of sizes not exceeding 1in., Anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal of sizes not exceeding 1½in., and all manufactured fuels.**
   Supplies to any controlled premises of fuels in this group may not without licence exceed in all **10 cwt. in each month**, and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the total stock of such fuels exceeds **10 cwt.**
3. **COKE of sizes exceeding 1in., and Anthracite and Welsh dry steam coal of sizes exceeding 1½in.**
   Supplies to any controlled premises of fuels in this group may not without licence exceed in all **one ton in each month** and no supplies may be acquired at any premises while the total stock of such fuels exceeds **one ton.**

Except under a licence from the Local Fuel Overseer it is an offence against the Defence Regulations to exceed these quantities, or to acquire these fuels from anyone other than the licensed merchant or coke producer with whom the premises have been duly registered.

Consumers are reminded that the above quantities are maximum quantities and not rations to which they are entitled. The quantity that can be delivered to any premises will depend on the state of local supply, and is everywhere subject to priority being given to consumers without stocking facilities.

LOCAL FUEL OVERSEERS FOR THE ABOVE AREAS.—

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25 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

THE WAR OF 1914-18

Ramsgate and Broadstairs had reason to feel proud when the Honours List was published on Tuesday, for on both a Ramsgate and a Broadstairs lady the King has conferred one of the recently instituted honours for women. Miss Janet Stancomb-Wills is appointed to the Second Class, Dames Commanders of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire. To her falls the honour of being the first woman member of Ramsgate Town Council, while her good work on all the local war bodies is recognised by all. Mrs. Brightman, whose name also appears on the Honours List as a member of the Order of the British Empire, has been connected as Commandant with the Fairfield and Roseneath V.A.D. at Broadstairs since the opening of those hospitals.

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Soon there will be dug-out accommodation for 21,000 people in Ramsgate.

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Well-known in the commercial world of the county, Mr. George Frederick Vye, of Truro Lodge, Ramsgate, died at his country residence, Wildwood, Sturry, on Friday. Fifty-three years of age, Mr. Vye was head of the largest privately-owned grocery firm in Kent.

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Cpl. Leslie Brisley, Grenadier Guards, a son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Brisley, of Chaucer-road, Broadstairs, is reported missing since 27th November. He is 23 years of age. An brother, Capt. Fred Brisley, is with the Royal West Surrey Regiment in Italy and has spent four Christmases in the war zones. Another brother is with the Rifle Brigade and is shortly returning to the front. Their father is the engineer of the Broadstairs Fire Brigade and is now engaged on important work at Woolwich Arsenal.

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Percy Bevan, licensee of the Central Hotel, Ramsgate, who has been in the Army since early in the war and joined a mounted unit, has gone to Italy.

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Sig. W. F. Wiles, Suffolk Yeomanry, of 6 Hengist-avenue, Margate, has been killed in Palestine. He was a former goalkeeper for St. George's Football Club, Ramsgate.

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Sgt. Chris Martin, fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Martin, of Queen-street, Ramsgate, who during the past three months has undergone three operations in France, expects shortly to return to England for a fourth.

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Pte. W. H. Parlet, R.A.M.C., has been spending his service time at Ramsgate. He won one of the chief prizes in the Constitutional Club walking match some years ago and although a veteran managed to get home in the Army by making an "error" in stating his age.

50 YEARS AGO

(CUTTINGS FROM OUR COLUMNS)

NEW-YEAR SNOW

The first day of the new year brought with it one of the heaviest falls of snow experienced in Thanet for a considerable number of years. Snow continued to fall on Sunday night and on Monday it had reached a depth of nearly a foot all over the district. The snow storm appears to have been to a certain extent to have been confined to East Kent. The mail cart was, as a matter of course, prevented from carrying on their journeys between Ramsgate and Dover and letters were consequently delayed. The mails have been conveyed by rail during the week. While the Ramsgate streets were promptly cleared of snow by a gang of over 200 men, many of the roads in the country districts are still quite impassable.

THE FIRST BENCH

The names of the gentlemen composing the new borough bench at Ramsgate have now been received from the Lord Chancellor. The bench is, on the whole, a well selected one and it will be seen that there is a fair balance of both political parties, there being eight Conservatives to seven Liberals. Judge Selfe being practically ex-officio. The bench is composed as follows: the Mayor (Alderman Sir T. H. Blackman), Mr. Croker Barrow, Bench; Mr. William Curling, Alderman Philip Sins Emett, Mr. Henry Blyth Hammond, Mr. John Kennett, Mr. Joseph Sebag Montefiore, Mr. Matthew John Poole, Mr. Alfred Thomas Ricketts, Mr. Robert Syrett, Capt. Lawrence William Vaile, Mr. William Andrew McIntosh Walton, Mr. George Vye, Mr. John Edward Wastall, Mr. Henry Weigall, and the Judge of the County Court of Kent held at Ramsgate.

The Doctor Says—

THERE'S NO DRINK LIKE WATER

If we had to pay for a glass of water what we have to pay for a glass of beer, I have little doubt that we would drink less of the latter and discuss the qualities of different kinds of water as enthusiastically as we now talk and argue about beer.

In some countries, where water is in short supply, they do have to pay high prices for it and, of course, to our lighting men in the desert, water is above price.

Five Pints a Day.

It has been calculated that each person should take five pints of fluid every day. Very few do this. Some people's digestions are helped if they do not take fluids with their meals but only sip when they feel that is feel healthier if we drank more water between meals.

Thanks to the work of the pioneers of public health in the last century, the water supplies of this country are as pure, if not purer, than anywhere in the world. But if for any reason, such as enemy air raids, your medical officer of health warns you that there is a danger of the water supply becoming infected, follow the simple remedy—BOIL IT before drinking or washing vegetables.

MARGATE

Licensing Sessions.—It was announced at Margate borough police court on Wednesday that the annual transmit licensing meeting for the borough would be held at 11 a.m. on Monday, 8th February.

DEATH IN TRAIN

RAMSGATE MAN'S SUDDEN END

The body of a naval officer was found in a lavatory of a train which arrived at Ramsgate railway station on Thursday morning.

The dead man, C/P/O Charles Bragg, aged 57, of 3 Union-street, Ramsgate, had travelled to the town on 48 hours' leave, intending to visit his wife.

A post-mortem examination was carried out and the Coroner (Mr. J. H. Robinson) was satisfied that death was due to natural causes.

BROADSTAIRS

Murder Play in Church.—"Murder in the Cathedral" will be presented by the Canterbury Pilgrim Players at St. Peter's Trinity Church, Broadstairs, on Thursday afternoon. A number of seats can be reserved but most of them are free.

Christmas Services.—The Rector (the Rev. C. H. Bailey) gave the address at Sung Eucharist in Broadstairs Parish Church on Christmas morning. The preacher at a service held later in the morning for the forces was the Rev. E. Etherington, C.F.

Marriage.—For the week ended 26th December the amount invested in war savings in Broadstairs and St. Peter's was £668. The sum so made up of savings certificates £147, defence bonds £15 and deposits in the Post Office Savings Bank £506.

R.N.O.C.A. Whist.—Mr. W. Lawrence was M.C. and Mrs. Poinser presented the prizes at the weekly whist drive of the Broadstairs branch of the Royal Naval Old Comrades' Association, held at the Clarendon Hotel. The winners were Miss Packnett, Pte. Neesham, Miss Lawrence, Mrs. Whitehead, Pte. Splain, Pte. Pierce and Mr. Lawrence.

Tempters' Party.—A jolly Christmas party was held by the members of the Star of the East Lodge, I.O.G.T., at the Good Templar Hall, Broadstairs, on Tuesday. From start to finish the fun was maintained under the leadership of the M.C., Mr. T. Wright. The piano was played by Mrs. Hayes and Mrs. Watt, and the proceedings terminated with the singing of "Auld lang syne."

Wings for Victory.—At Monday's meeting of Broadstairs Council the Chairman (Councillor B. J. Peterson) announced that a "Wings for Victory" Week would be held in Broadstairs from 26th June to 3rd July. He was sure they would have the support, as in past savings campaigns, of the people temporarily away as well as those still living in Broadstairs and St. Peter's.

Carol Help Red Cross.—More than double the figure for last year, the sum of £6 5s. 6d. was collected for the British Red Cross and St. John War Organisation as a result of carol singing at Christmas by the Brighter Broadstairs League Glee Party. Miss Vyse, the organiser, wishes to thank for their efforts the members of the party, which included Mrs. Redman, Miss Mallet, Mr. Blease, Miss Pinfield, Miss Andrews Brown, Mr. Andrews Brown, the Rev. R. D. d'E. Meredith, Miss B. Bridges, Miss J. Bridges, Miss Light and Miss Reader.

Death of Capt. J. O. Farrer.—Readmaster and joint proprietor of Stone House School, Broadstairs, Capt. John Oliver Farrer has died in a Leeds nursing home. He served in France during the last war with the King's Own Shropshire Light Infantry and was severely wounded in 1916. Soon after the Armistice Capt. Farrer joined the staff of Stone House as assistant master and in 1934 took over the school in partnership with Mr. J. L. Richardson. The school was evacuated to Ingleborough Hall, Clapham, Yorkshire, at the outbreak of war. Before Capt. Farrer became second-in-command of the 1st Batt. of the West Riding Home Guard with the rank of major. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

FIRST OF THE YEAR

MORE SHOWS AT ODEON

If Friday's stage show at the Odeon Cinema, Ramsgate—the first of 1943 —is a foretaste of what we shall see through the year, we can look forward to a brilliant series of services' nights.

Three soldiers and two members of the N.F.S. appeared on the stage and presented a varied programme of music and song.

Reg Harry, formerly of the N.F.S., who joined up towards the end of last year, was fortunately on leave from the R.A.S.C. units and made a welcome return to play selections on his accordeon. Two other old favourites were Alf Challenger (pianist) and Harold Oliver (violinist and saxophonist), both members of the N.F.S., while the vocal entertainment came from Gnr. Andrew Doyle and Gnr. Alf Cordell.

Stage programmes are presented at the Odeon every Friday and the popular manager, Mr. L. V. Paterson, will be pleased to give auditions to all who would like to entertain.

RECORD ORDERLY DANCES

In making application for extension of the music and dancing license at the West Cliff Theatre at Ramsgate police court on Monday, Mr. R. J. Costerton, Corporation Entertainments Manager, said the attendances at the three dances over the Christmas holidays constituted a record for the 29 years he had been in Ramsgate and he was very pleased to be able to say that the orderliness and good conduct was more marked than on any previous occasion since late licences had been held.

The Chairman (Mr. H. J. Perry): We are very pleased to hear it.

The magistrates granted an extension of the music and dancing license until 1 a.m. on 20th January for a dance to be held by the Air Training Corps and on 11th February for a dance in aid of funds of each organisation. Mr. W. G. Love was granted an occasional license from 7.30 p.m. until 12.30 a.m.

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On Service

NEWS OF THANET MEN AND WOMEN

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Wilson, of 89 Newington-road, Ramsgate, and formerly of Denmark-road, take pride in the fact that three of their sons have played their part in this war. One is in the Middle East, one in this country and the other is a prisoner of war in Germany. Pte. Reg Wilson was with The Buffs in France and was captured during the retreat to Dunkirk. Writing to his parents from Stalag XX A, which is at Thorn, on the banks of the Vistula in Poland, he gives some interesting glimpses of camp life. In one letter he mentions the visit of a Y.M.C.A. portable cinema showing films of the Olympic games and various shorts. Apparently the camp has formed its own theatrical party and among other productions has been "The Case of the Frightened Lady." The men in the camp devote much time to serious studies and are holding educational classes during the winter. Some time ago they held a jolly gala day complete with a "Derby Lad"—renamed "Soapy Sid"—football and dog racing. "Sid's doom's state, however, whether the racing was under N.G.H.C. rules. His fiancée, Miss Phyllis Richards, of Prestedge-avenue, Ramsgate, has recently joined the A.T.S.

An amusing letter comes from Dvr. Cyril Wilson, Reg's younger brother, who was formerly employed in the Town Clerk's office at Ramsgate. Now 21 years of age, he joined The Buffs and was afterwards transferred to the R.A.S.C., with whom he is now serving in the Middle East. "I've just had a haircut," he says, "and it's not a very comfortable operation in this country. You are asked a dozen times if you want a shampoo or a shave until it is realised that you only want a haircut. With a wonderful: (?) smell of garlic in the air about you, the Egyptian barber lops off your hair and you wonder what you are going to look like afterwards. Then your hair is covered with some horrible grease for smartness."

Another brother, Bdr. Jack Wilson, aged 26, has been serving in this country with the R.A. since 1940.

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The fraternity of St. Luke's Church, Ramsgate, will be interested to know that the Rev. Owen Darby is once again in this country. A son of Mr. and Mrs. A. Darby, of 145 Margate-road, Ramsgate, Mr. Darby spent his boyhood in the town—he was at St. George's Central School —and afterwards trained for holy orders. He went to Canada as a consecrated missionary, his work mainly from a 40ft. launch and experiencing a narrow escape from death when the launch was caught in the rapids. On returning to England a few years ago, Mr. Darby was accompanied by his wife, a native of California, but just before the war commenced they went to Bermuda, where Mr. Darby took up an appointment as a naval chaplain on the shore station H.M.S. Malabar. He arrived in 1916. Soon after the Armistice Capt. Farrer joined the staff of Stone House as assistant master and in 1934 took over the school in partnership with Mr. J. L. Richardson. The school was evacuated to Ingleborough Hall, Clapham, Yorkshire, at the outbreak of war. Before Capt. Farrer became second-in-command of the 1st Batt. of the West Riding Home Guard with the rank of major. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

You like to have news from your sons and daughters in the forces—so do we. We invite you to pass on their stories to us so that their friends may know how they are getting along.

Ramsgatonians who knew Mr. and Mrs. Sam Sherred before they left Montague-road about 30 years ago to live in Canada will be glad to learn that their son and daughter are serving in this country with the Canadian forces. Mr. Sam Sherred, a veteran of the Boer War, also served in the last war with the Canadians and spent leaves with his brother, Mr. R. Sherred, who now resides at 12 Boundary-road. Frank was the first of Sam's sons to arrive in this country and for the past year has been serving with the Royal Highland Light Infantry. Sam, jun., came over a year later with the same regiment, and now Bob has arrived as an air-gunner in the R.C.A.F. They have all been on leave in London and visited the home of their uncle, Mr. Harry Brooker, in Ramsgate. Mr. Sherred is hoping shortly to visit Mr. and Mrs. R. Sherred at Ramsgate. Two members of Mr. Sherred's family in Canada are also doing their bit. The eldest son, Acm. 2 Reuben Sherred, aged 21, joined the W.A.A.F. a year ago. An old boy of Lillian-road School, he worked as a driver for the East Kent Road Car Co. for 12 years and in the past two and a half years has been at Tenterden as a ticket inspector for the Maidstone and District Motor Services Ltd. While in Ramsgate he was a member of the St. Luke's Men's Bible Class. His brother, Edgar, aged 19, formerly a member of the N.F.S., joined the Royal Marines in 1941 and after having educated at Hereson School he was employed by Mr. S. R. Port, builder's merchant, of Berkeley-road.

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We reciprocate New Year greetings from Ernie Webster, whose name is well known in local football in Ramsgate and who is now a company-sergeant-major instructor at Sandhurst Royal Military College.

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"The trouble is the ruddy Jerry out here won't take the hint." That is the message from a letter which a member of our technical staff has received from a former colleague, Sgt. Aid-Gnr. D. Addington, who is with the R.A.F. in the Middle East. He continues: "We did a bit of low flying just for perks the other day. A few feet above the 'deck.' Just ahead was a 'wog' on a camel. Oh, boy! I've got a letter from a bloke become so disinterested in his mount in such a hurry. Seems he didn't want to be hampered by no camel. Anyway, he left it well behind."

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Mr. Cecil H. Finch, an old boy of Chatham House, Ramsgate, sends an interesting letter concerning a school chum, Cpl. Arthur C. Potter, whose father, Mr. A. E. Potter, formerly in business in Ramsgate, is now living in Norfolk. Serving with the Royal Engineers, Arthur escaped from Singapore the day after it fell. Writing from India, Arthur said that sooner than be taken prisoner he and others boarded a lifeboat and got away at dawn, with a bit of luck and hard work. They were 12 days in the boat getting to Sumatra, rowing most of the time and getting little rest. With few rations and some water they had to rely on the Malay natives for most of their food. His brother Eric volunteered for the R.A.F. the day after war broke out and saw service in the Battle of Flanders, escaping from Brest only when France fell. Mr. Pinto is a building surveyor and has been travelling about on various Government contracts. At present he is in North Wales and says that the only Ramsgate people he hears from are Mrs. Taylor, Bloem, Marjorie and Maurice, formerly of Ballaclague, Park-road, who are now in Swansea.

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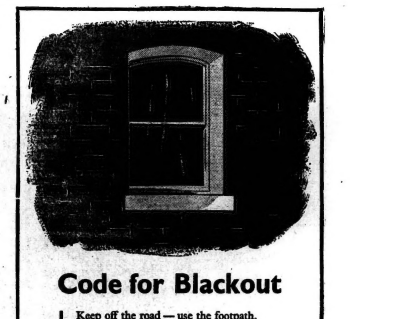
A popular member of Ramsgate Oddfellows' Club, Charlie Goodwin, only son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Goodwin, of 6 Duncan-road, Ramsgate, recently left for service in the Army. Twenty-eight years of age, he is an old boy of Lillian-road School and until joining up was engaged in the building trade.



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2. Signal a bus with something white, such as a newspaper.
3. Don't flash a torch in the driver's face, it may cause a serious accident. If you *do* signal with a torch, shine it on the ground at your feet.
4. Don't step out to meet an approaching bus — the driver can't see you.
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Whist Drives every Thursday at 7 p.m., at the Gymnasium, Clarendon House, Ramsgate, in aid of Red Cross Fund and Mayor's Sunshine and Comforts Fund alternately. Admission 1s. Good prize.

You cannot do better than take anything you have to sell to an old-established firm. Prosser and Newbery buy old gold, jewellery, silver plate, glass, cutlery, etc. Licensed valuers. 47 and 48 Queen-street, Ramsgate.

Street Nuisance.—A fine of 5s. was imposed by Ramsgate magistrates on Monday on Ronald Richard, aged 17, errand boy, of Wrunckendorf-road, who pleaded guilty to committing a nuisance in High-street on Christmas night.

National Savings.—National savings in Ramsgate for the fortnight ended 26th December amounted to £3,251, comprising £2,329 deposited in the Post Office Savings Bank, £347 in savings certificates and £45 in Defence Bonds.

British Restaurants.—At from Monday next, Hereson British Restaurant, Ramsgate, will be reserved for use by organised parties of school children, but the St. George's and Ellington British Restaurants will remain open for use by the general public. Further particulars will be found in our publicity columns.

A.T.C. Dance.—A dance in aid of the Minster A.T.C. welfare fund was attended by over 200 people at Minster Parish Hall on Christmas Eve.

Football.—A combined team composed of members of the A.T.C. and Home Guard was defeated by six goals to two by an Army XI at Minster Recreation Ground on Boxing Day. W. Hammond (A.T.C.) and Horton (Home Guard) scored for the losers.

New Teacher.—Mrs. F. P. Hind commences teaching duties at Minster mixed school in the new term. Her husband, who is in the reader's branch at Minster Parish Church, has gone to Torquay to attend a training school for the blind with a view to preparing himself for further work in the ministry.

Funeral of Mrs. E. Hollands.—The Vicar (Canon A. W. MacMichael) officiated at the funeral of Mrs. Charlotte Hollands, a member of Minster Mothers' Union, who died at a Canterbury nursing home. Interment was preceded by a service in the Parish Church and the chief mourners were Mr. E. T. Hollands (nephew), Mr. G. Harlow (brother-in-law), Mrs. E. Hollands (sister-in-law), Miss I. Harlow (niece) and Mrs. A. Port.

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When they are spending long hours, waiting in readiness for whatever job may come along, in the long winter evenings they have little with which to fill their spare time, books, magazines and papers are immensely appreciated. Not only do the men want fiction to read, but books on all sorts of subjects so long as they are not hopelessly out of date.

The Royal Naval War Libraries is the only official organisation distributing books to the Navy on behalf of the Admiralty; it is entirely a voluntary organisation under the direction of Mrs. Colvin, 31a, William IV-street, London, W.C., and overhead expenses are all paid by the Admiralty, so that any money collected is used for buying books, but this is not sufficient to provide all that are needed, nor can London does supply all the demands that are made upon it.

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Births, Marriages, Deaths

The PREPAID charges for these are—Births and Deaths 1/6, Marriages, Return announcements are 1d. per word (minimum: Thanks and In Memoriam 2/6).

BIRTHS

Parrott.—29th December, at Margate, the wife of Mr. W. Parrott, M.D., of a daughter.

Verwood.—30th December, at 1 Draper's avenue, Margate, the wife of Cpl. E. Verwood, R.A.F., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES

Osborn—Keeler.—28th December, at St. John's Church, Margate, William Stephen Osborn to Florence Vera Keeler, both of Margate.

Hall—Port.—2nd January, at St. George's Church, Ramsgate, by the Rev. C. E. Parnsworth and H. V. Prytherch, Capt. Ronald Francis Hall, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Hollands, of Norbury, S.W., to Joyce Pamela Port, elder daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Port, of Broadstairs.

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STAMPS

HOW TO HELP THE WOUNDED

Christmas having come and gone, and people with relatives and friends all over the world writing to them makes one wonder how many really ever look at the stamps on their letters, air-graphs, postcards, etc., as such.

Talking to a philatelist, not a mere stamp collector, opens vistas undreamed of by the ordinary man or woman who affixes a small rectangular coloured piece of paper to an envelope, to be delivered by the post office from next door to the arctic circle!

Do they know, for instance, that the 1d. black and 2d. blue were the first adhesive stamps to be issued by the Government, early in May, 1840? The 1d. black lasted for only about a year and the colour was changed to red-brown and the 2d. blue had a white line added under the postage and above the value. These stamps were issued imperforate and had to be cut off with scissors. About 1854 perforating took place to make separation easy.

Another item of stamp "news value" is that during this war stamps of British Somaliland were used after the Italians were driven out of British Somaliland and our Government had taken over again. The stamps which had been in the post offices were destroyed by the Italians. In order to fill the gap until new stamps could be printed, stamps were borrowed from Aden and made use of temporarily.

Talking of the intrinsic value of stamps, some refugees from occupied countries carried rare ones in their garments as by the only means of realising money in foreign lands.

The rarest stamp known is the one-cent British Guiana, printed on magenta paper by a local firm of printers. This stamp was found among some old letters in an attic by a school boy, who sold it to a dealer for a few shillings. It is valued to-day at over £7,000 and is the only known copy.

Another aspect of stamps is that the Red Cross can make use of any stamp you receive. Provided the edges are not torn they will sell them and they will provide beds for wounded. So when you don't use your envelopes, tear the stamps out, keep them and send them to an accredited agent of the Red Cross.

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